

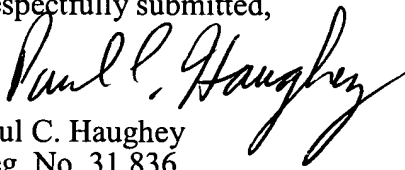
REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-8 and 10-18 are pending in this application. Claim 9 has been canceled.
The claims are being amended prior to examination.

CONCLUSION

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of
this application, please telephone the undersigned at 650-326-2400.

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